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Proposed interview discussion

During the interview, at least the following points will be discussed. Particularly, how the applied art does not teach acquiring attribute information indicating attributes of a terminal device indicating a plurality of attributes and a priority being set for each attribute in the selection device selecting operation information based on that priority, as claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 4 and 8.

Instead, Havekost et al. is directed to prioritization of display of alarm and event information which allows various users of the system to prioritize the alarm and event information that is displayed. Further, Havekost et al. allows the user to display particular events in hierarchical manner, as directed by the user. The user sets a desired alarm priority, selecting high importance alarms for more urgent display and annunciation and rendering a lower display status to less urgent events. In the process control environment in Figure 1C of Havekost et al., a process control solution is developed by created a software control solution at the engineering workstation 106. The control solution is then transferred to the operator workstation 102, lab workstation 104 and a controller/multiplexer 110 for execution. The operator workstation 102 and lab workstation 104 supply interface displays to the control strategy implemented in the multiplexer 110. Further, the workstations communicate to the one or more controllers to view the processes 112 and change control attribute values according to requirements of the design solution.

The alarm system of Havekost et al. is an indexed attribute where the index selects the Nth highest priority alarm in the consolidation. That is, the user sets a desired alarm priority by selecting the high importance alarms for urgent display and loads display status to less urgent events. As such, the applied art does not disclose a selection device that selects, based on the acquired attribute information, operation information that is appropriate for the terminal device, from a plurality of types of operation information stored in a predetermined storage area; and the attribute information indicating a plurality of attributes, a priority being set for each attribute, and the selection device selecting the operation information on a basis of the priority, claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 4 and 8. Havekost et al. does not disclose that the selection device selects the operation information on the basis of said priority. Instead, Havekost et al. discloses that the alarm information is presented to a user and the user can best use that information in a manner directed by the user.

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